ILLEGAL FARMING OF POPPY FLOWERS

3304. SHRIMATI URMILABEN PATEL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to prevent illegal farming of poppy flowers and restrict tobacco farming; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected.

3305. [Transferred to the 23rd December, 1993).

PRODUCTION OF COTTON DURING 1993-94

3306. SHRI AHMED MOHAMMED BHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether cotton production during 1993-94 season which commenced from September has increased in comparison to the last year;

(b) the total production during 1992-93 and to what extent it is more in compariso to the previous year ;

(c) what are the States where production of cotton has improved ;

(d) whether sufficient measures were taken by Government to ensure that cotton growers do not suffer due to increase of cotton production; and

(e) if so, what action is proposed to be taken to meet the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The production of cotton during 1992-93 was 115.83 lakh bales i.e. higher by 19.2 per cent over 97.14 lakh bales of the previous year i.e. 1991-92.

(c) The major cotton growing States where its production increased during 1992-93 are Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu.

(d) and (e) Government provides price & market support to ensure that the cotton growers do not suffer due to increase in cotton production. The Government fixes the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) of cotton every year. The cotton Corporation of India (CCI) which is the nodal agency designated for undertaking price support operations, makes purchases of cotton, whenever the cotton price tend to decline. Release of quota for export from time to time and the market intervention at commercial rates, are also resorted to, to ensure that the prices of cotton do not fall below the MSP level due to increase of cotton production.

LOSS SUFFERED BY N.D.D.B.

3307. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is a fact that the NDDB has suffered a massive loss on account of its market intervention operations for 1992-93;

(b) Whether this loss in actual terms is compounded if the imported oil made available to NDDB at concessional rates is also taken into account; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to ensure that NDDB becomes a financially viable operation|organisation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) NDDB has reported a loss of Rs. 171.29 crores on account of market intervention operations for 1992-93.

(b) Only a small quantity of 606 MT of imported pamolein was made available to NDDB for MIO during 1992-93.

(c) The Empowered Committee on Oilseeds Policy (ECOP) has recommended revision of terms and conditions of MIO for the final year of its operations i.e. 1993-94 so as to limit the Government liability to reimburse the losses on market intervention operations by NDDB during 1993-94.

CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEME ON FRUITS

3308. SHRI AHMED MOHAMMED BHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Central Sector Scheme on Irrigated Developrent; of Tropical and Arid Zone fruits, with a total central share of Rs. 520 lakhs is being implemented during 1992-93;

(b) if so, what are the States where the Scheme was implemented;

(c) what were the main details of the proposed scheme;

(d) how much amount was spent during 1992-93 on the same;

(e) how many schemes are under completion; and

(f) whether the Scheme was also implemented in Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat and if so, the progress so far made ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This scheme was implemented in 25 States. A list of these States is enslosed as Statement-I, (See below)

(c) The scheme was implemented with the following major components :—

(i) Rejuvenation of old orchards.

(ii) Mulching and Poly Green Houses.

(iii) Supply of quality planting material.

Details of the above components are given in Statement-II. (*See* below)

(d) Rs. 520.415 lakhs was released by Government of India during 1992-93 for this Scheme.

(e) These schemes are being implemented on continuing basis and will be implemented during 8th plan also.

(f) An amount of Rs. 14.76 lakhs to Madhya Pradesh and Rs. 18.43 lakhs to Gujarat was released for implementation of the Scheme during 1992-93. While Madhya Pradesh utilised the full amount, Gujarat could not implement the scheme.

STATEMENT

Names of the States where Central Sector Scheme on Integrated Development of Tropical and Arid Zone Fruits (1992-93) was implemented :

1. Andhra Pradesh
2. Bihar
3. Goa
4. Gujarat
5. Haryana
6. Karnataka

8. Madhya Pradesh
9. Maharashtra